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Man Sentenced to 15-Year Prison Term For Sexually Assaulting Ten-Year-Old Child Under His Care - Defendant Also Must Register as a Sex Offender For Rest of His Life -

WASHINGTON - George Farris, 54, of no fixed address, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison for sexually assaulting a 10-year-old boy who was supposed to be under his care, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Farris pled guilty in April 2011 to a charge of first degree sexual abuse with aggravating circumstances. He was sentenced by the Honorable William M. Jackson in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Upon completion of his prison term, Farris will be placed on five years of supervised release. In addition, he will have to register as a sex offender for life.

According to evidence presented at the plea hearing, Farris was babysitting the son of a relative's girlfriend in Southeast Washington on the evening of December 4, 2010. When they were alone, the defendant sexually assaulted the child. The child made an immediate report to his grandparents. The defendant was arrested on the scene.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), including lead Detective Andre Davis. He also praised the Sixth District officers who responded to the scene and otherwise assisted with the case including D.A. Jarboe, Daniel Gray, Ronald Bridges, Gary Gulich, and Alex Rodriguez and Mobile Crime Officer Fred Brown. In addition, U.S. Attorney Machen praised Victim Advocate Melissa Milam, who provided invaluable assistance to the victim in this case, Paralegal Joyce Arthur, and Legal Assistant Ashley Patterson. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharon Marcus-Kurn, who investigated and prosecuted this case.

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